

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a,” the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments would allow applicants from another state who have met the assessment requirements in their state and successfully taught for at least three years in their state to be exempt from the Iowa assessment requirements. There is also language added to reflect a minimum grade standard for coursework related to licensure eligibility.

The proposed amendments would also provide clarity regarding the student teaching requirement for the elementary education endorsement, field placements and practicum experiences for adding endorsements, and the minimum grade standard for coursework related to adding an endorsement.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments before 4 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov; or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

These amendments are subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a.”

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 13.5(2) as follows:

13.5(2) Applicants from non-Iowa institutions.

a. No change.

b. In addition to the requirements set forth in subrule 13.5(1), applicants from non-Iowa institutions:

(1) Shall submit a copy of a valid or expired regular teaching certificate or license exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate.

(2) Shall provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013, and the applicant has verified fewer than three years of valid out-of-state teaching experience. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, or if the applicant has verified three years of valid out-of-state teaching experience, the applicant

must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed (or verify highly qualified status) or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

(3) Shall provide an official institutional transcript(s) to be analyzed for the requirements necessary for Iowa licensure. An applicant must have completed at least 75 percent of the coursework as outlined in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5) and an endorsement requirement through a two- or four-year institution in order for the endorsement to be included on the license. An applicant who has not completed at least 75 percent of the coursework for at least one of the basic Iowa teaching endorsements completed will not be issued a license. Applicants seeking a board of educational examiners transcript review must have achieved a C- grade or higher in the courses that will be considered for licensure.

(4) to (6) No change.

c. to e. No change.

ITEM 2. Rescind subrule **13.26(4)**.

ITEM 3. Renumber subrule **13.26(5)** as **13.26(4)**.

ITEM 4. Amend renumbered subrule 13.26(4) as follows:

13.26(4) Teacher—elementary classroom. Effective September 1, 2015, the following requirements apply to persons who wish to teach in the elementary classroom:

a. *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in kindergarten and grades one through six.

b. *Content.*

(1) to (8) No change.

(9) Student teaching in an elementary general education classroom.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 13.29(1) as follows:

13.29(1) Adding an endorsement. After the issuance of a teaching license, an individual may add other endorsements to that license upon proper application, provided current requirements for that endorsement have been met. An updated license with expiration date unchanged from the original or renewed license will be prepared.

a. No change.

b. *Additional requirements for adding an endorsement.*

(1) In addition to meeting the requirements for Iowa licensure, applicants for endorsements shall have completed a methods class appropriate for teaching the general subject area and grade levels of the endorsement added.

(2) Practitioners who are adding ~~an elementary or early childhood~~ a K-8 endorsement and have not student taught ~~on~~ at the elementary ~~or early childhood~~ level shall complete a teaching practicum ~~appropriate for teaching at the level of the new endorsement~~ in an elementary setting. Applicants seeking the early childhood or elementary endorsements set forth in rule 282—13.26(272) must complete the required field experience and teaching practicum specific to the endorsement desired.

(3) Practitioners who are adding a ~~secondary teaching 5-12~~ endorsement and have not student taught ~~on~~ at the secondary level shall complete a teaching practicum ~~appropriate for teaching at the level of the new endorsement~~ in a high school setting.

(4) Practitioners holding the K-8 endorsement in the content area of the 5-12 endorsement being added may satisfy the requirement for the secondary methods class and the teaching practicum by completing all required coursework and presenting verification of competence. This verification of competence shall be signed by a licensed evaluator who has observed and formally evaluated the performance of the applicant at the secondary level. This verification of competence may be submitted at any time during the term of the Class B license. The practitioner must obtain a Class B license while practicing with the 5-12 endorsement.

(5) Applicants seeking a board of educational examiners transcript review must have achieved a C- grade or higher in the courses that will be considered for an endorsement.